



OUTLINE OF MAJOR TAXES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Washington State Department of Revenue
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Tax Source RCW Citation	Tax Base	Tax Rate	Yield FY 2004 (\$000,000)	Administration	Collection Procedure
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STATE GENERAL AND SELECTIVE SALES TAXES

Beer Excise Tax (66.24.290)	Brewing or wholesaling of beer	\$8.08 per 31 gallon barrel (sales >60,000 barrels)	\$31	Liquor Control Board	Paid by brewers or wholesalers
Brokered Natural Gas Tax (82.12.022)	Natural or manufactured gas consumed within the state which was not subject to public utility tax	3.852%	\$24	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by users on special brokered natural gas tax return
Cigarette Tax (82.24, 28A.47)	Sale, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of cigarettes	1.425 cents per package of 20 cigarettes	\$336	Dept. of Revenue	Distributors purchase tax stamps
Liquor Liter Tax (82.08.150)	Sales of hard liquor (spirits)	\$2.44 per liter	\$74	Liquor Control Board & Revenue	Included in purchase price
Liquor Sales Tax (82.08.150)	Sales of liquor and strong beer	Consumers, 20.5%; Class H, 13.7%	\$69	Liquor Control Board & Revenue	Included in purchase price
Motor Fuels Taxes (82.36, 82.37, 82.38)	Sale or use of motor vehicle fuel or special fuels (propane, etc.)	28 cents per gallon	\$734	Dept. of Licensing	Paid by distributor and included in pump price
Refuse Collection Tax (82.18)	Services provided by refuse collection businesses	3.6%	\$27	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by refuse collection users
Rental Car Tax (82.08.020(2))	Retail car rentals	5.9%	\$20	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by rental car firms

Retail Sales Tax (82.08)	Selling price of tangible personal property & certain services purchased by consumers	6.5% (6.8% on sales and leases of new and used motor vehicles)	\$5,792	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by purchaser to retailer who forwards to Revenue
Tobacco Products Tax (82.26)	Sale, use, etc., of other tobacco products	129.42% of wholesale price	\$27	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by distributors
Use Tax (82.12)	Privilege of using tangible personal property on which sales tax was not paid, measured by market value	6.5%	\$391	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by user to Revenue (to County Auditor for vehicles)
Wine Excise Tax (66.24.210)	Wholesale sales of wine	22.92 cents per liter (45.36 cents for fortified wines)	\$18	Liquor Control Board	Paid by wine wholesalers

STATE GROSS RECEIPTS BUSINESS TAXES

Business & Occupation Tax (82.04)	Gross income or proceeds of sales, or value of products for privilege of doing business	Major rates: retailing, 0.471%; manufacturing/wholesaling, 0.484%; services, 1.5%	\$2,067	Dept. of Revenue	Business reporting monthly, quarterly, or annually
Insurance Premiums Tax (48.14)	Gross premiums received by licensed insurers	Ocean marine/trade, 0.95%; other insurers, 2.0%	\$346	Insurance Commissioner	Paid by insurance companies
Public Utility Tax	Gross operating revenue of public & privately owned public service firms (utilities)	Gas/sewer, 3.852%; water, 5.029%; urban trans., 0.642%; motor & railroad trans., 1.926%; power, 3.873%; all others, 1.926%	\$293	Dept. of Revenue	Business reporting monthly, quarterly, or annually

STATE PROPERTY TAX

State Property Tax Schools (84.52.065)	Assessed value of taxable real & personal	Taxes due in calendar 2003: \$2.92 per \$1,000 of	\$1,524	County Assessor & Treasurer, Revenue	Paid by levy for owners: 50% due April 30 and
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property, adjusted to
100% true & fair value

assessed value (local tax
base)

balance due Oct. 31

STATE EXCISE TAXES IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX

Aircraft and Watercraft Excise Taxes (82.48 and 82.49)	Privilege of using aircraft and watercraft, measured by fair market value for boats and statutory fees for aircraft.	Aircraft, \$20-125; boats, 0.5%	\$14	Dept. of Licensing, County Auditors	Paid annually by owners with license fees
Leasehold Excise Tax (82.29A)	Rental value of leased publicly owned property	State tax rate of 12.84% less local taxes up to 6%	\$19	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to lessors and sent to Revenue
PUD Excise Tax (54.28)	Privilege of producing energy by public utility districts	2.14% of gross revenues plus 5.35% of 1 st 4 mills per KWH	\$37	Dept. of Revenue	Paid annually by PUDs
Timber Excise Tax (84.33.041)	Stumpage value of timber at the time of harvest	Public lands, 5.0%; private lands, 1.0%	\$8	Dept. of Revenue	Paid quarterly by harvesters

OTHER STATE TAXES

Carbonated Beverage “Syrup” Tax (82.64)	Wholesale or retail sales of syrup used to make carbonated beverages	\$1.00 per gallon of syrup	\$18	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by in-state sellers of carbonated beverages to Revenue
Enhanced 911 Tax	Telephone lines, land and wireless	\$0.20 per line	\$16	Dept. of Revenue	Paid on telephone bills to telephone companies and forwarded to Revenue s
Estate and Transfer Tax (83.100)	Amount of credit allowed under federal estate tax, as of 1/1/01	No additional state tax (Note: Tax was ruled invalid by State Supreme Court in February 2005)	\$140	Dept. of Revenue	Estates file within 9 months
Food Fish & Shellfish Tax (82.27.020)	Price paid by first commercial processor of food fish or shellfish	Chinook salmon, 5.62%; sockeye salmon, 3.37%; oysters, 0.086%; sea urchins/cucumbers, 4.92%;	\$2	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by commercial fishermen & processors

other, 2.25%

Hazardous Substances Tax (82.21)	Value of certain chemicals and other products at time of first possession in state	0.7%	\$69 (incl. local)	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by party first possessing substance in state to Revenue
Oil Spill Tax (82.23B)	Crude oil & petroleum products delivered at marine terminals within the state	\$.05 per 42 gallon barrel	\$6	Dept. of Revenue	Collected by marine terminal operators & paid to Revenue
Petroleum Products Tax (82.23A)	Wholesale value of petroleum products derived from crude oil at time of first possession in this state	0.5% (tax reimposed as of 7/1/03 but terminated on 7/1/04)	\$27	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by first possessor of petroleum products to Revenue
Real Estate Excise Tax (82.45.060)	Sales of real property	1.28% of selling price	\$616	Revenue and County Treasurer	Paid by sellers when affidavit is recorded
State Convention Center (67.40.090)	Accommodations in King County hotels with 60+ units	Seattle, 7%; the rest of King County 2.8%	\$41	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to retailer who forwards tax to Revenue

MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX SOURCES (yield is latest year available)

Baseball Sales/Use	Sales in King County	0.017% **	\$7	Dept. of Revenue	Calculated by Revenue
Food & Beverage	Prepared foods and drinks (King County only)	0.5%	\$17	Dept. of Revenue	Collected by retailers and forwarded to Revenue
Football Sales/Use	Sales in King County	0.016% **	\$6	Dept. of Revenue	Calculated by Revenue
Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28.180)	Transient rental income	2.0% of sales tax (6.5%)	\$29	Dept. of Revenue	Reported by retailers; state reimburses cities and counties
Leasehold Excise Tax	Rental value of leased	Up to 6%	\$16	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to lessors and sent to

(82.29 A)	publicly owned property			Revenue	
Local Property Taxes (84.52 and others)	Assessed value of taxable real and personal property	Due in calendar year 2004: average local regular & special levy rate, \$9.36	\$5,004 (Due in CY 2004)	County Assessor & Treasurer, Revenue	Paid by owners: 50% due April 30 and balance due Oct. 31
Local Real Estate Excise (82.46)	Sales of real property	Generally 0.25% or 0.5% of selling price	\$214	County Treasurer	Sellers pay when sales affidavit is filed
Local Retail Sales & Use Taxes (82.14)	Same as state sales/use tax	City/county, 0.5-1.0%; Transit, 0.1-0.9%; Criminal Justice, 0.1%; Public Facilities, 0.1%; Juvenile Detention, 0.1%; High Cap. Transit, 0.4%; Rural counties, 0.08%; Regional Centers, 0.033%; Pierce County Zoo, 0.1%; Emergency Comm, 0.1%; Public Safety, 0.1-0.3%	\$925 \$584 \$96 \$6 \$31 \$216 \$18 \$15 \$11 \$9 \$2	Dept. of Revenue	Retailers report sales by local code
Municipal Business Taxes and Licenses (35 & 35A)	Gross revenue or flat fees based on class of business, number of employees, etc.	Business: generally 0.05-0.2% Utilities: generally 2-6%	\$205 \$480	City Clerk	Paid by local firms within taxing jurisdiction
Special Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28)	Transient rental income	Many cities and counties levy additional taxes ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%	\$20	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to retailers who forward tax to Revenue
Timber Excise Tax (84.33.051)	Stumpage value of timber at the time of harvest	Private lands, 4.0%	\$27	Dept. of Revenue	Paid quarterly by harvesters to Revenue

**Credited against state sales tax